

The Medical Examination

Who is the Embassy's appointed medical practitioner? *Knightsbridge Doctors* has been designated by the Embassy to conduct all of its immigrant visa medical examinations.

How do I arrange an appointment for the medical examination? You may schedule an appointment by telephoning **020 7486 7822**, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You **must** quote your case number when making your call and confirm the date of your visa appointment, if one has already been scheduled for you. Appointments are scheduled on a first come, first served basis.

Where do I go for the medical? Knightsbridge Doctors conducts visa medical examinations at the following two locations: **4 Bentinck Mansions, London W1U 2ER** which is within walking distance from Bond Street Station on the Jubilee and Central lines of the London Underground and **15 Basil Mansions, Basil Street, London SW3 1AP**, which is very close to Knightsbridge Underground Station on the Piccadilly Line. You will be advised which of the two offices you must attend when you make your call. The enclosed maps and directions will assist you in locating both premises.

How much is the medical going to cost? An adult medical examination (i.e. aged 15 and over) costs £190; the cost for those aged 14 and under is £95.00. Payment must be made at the time of the medical examination and will be accepted by cash, credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or debit card. Personal checks are not acceptable.

What happens if I miss my appointment or find that I need to change it?

If you fail to keep your appointment or cancel/change it with less than three clear day's notice, you will be liable for a cancellation charge of £95.

What do I need to take to the medical examination? You will be required to present your passport, a driving license or photo license to the examining physician to establish your identity plus one passport type photograph of each person requiring a medical, including babies. The specifications of the photograph are the same as those obtained for the visa. If a child is 15 years of age or over an individual passport or some other suitable document is required.

A medical questionnaire is printed on page 8 of this package. One copy of this form must be completed for each person requiring a medical, including babies, and brought with you to your appointment.

Finally, you must bring along your vaccination records, one for each person requiring a medical including babies, to be reviewed by the panel physician. (Vaccination requirements are dependant on age. To identify these, please refer to the vaccination chart on page 7 & 8).

Special notice for K and V visa applicants: although vaccination records are not actually needed for such visas, they will be needed for the permanent residence application you will be making once you travel to the U.S. If you bring your vaccination records to your medical appointment, the same medical results can be used in the U.S. and you will not have to take any further action in this regard.

How long will it take for the medical results to be released? In most cases, the medical report and X-ray will be couriered to the Embassy four working days after your appointment date. If, during the course of your examination, it is found necessary to refer you to a specialist for a further diagnosis, the panel physicians will assist you in locating one. In such cases it will not be possible to issue the medical results in four workdays.

Why I am being asked to schedule the medical examination when the Embassy has not yet scheduled the visa interview? The medical results will be valid for 12 months and it will help to speed up the final processing of your application if we have received them before your the visa interview, however, it is not compulsory.

What to Expect at the Medical Examination

The medical examination is conducted by one of the Embassy's appointed panel physicians. It consists of a physical examination (eyes, ears, nose, throat, extremities, heart, lungs, abdomen, lymph nodes, skin and external genitalia) chest X-ray and a blood test, which includes testing for HIV infection and venereal disease. A blood test for antibody to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is required as part of your medical examination. HIV is the virus that causes the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). AIDS is the name given to a group of illnesses that may occur in persons infected with HIV. Infection with HIV causes a defect in a person's natural immunity against disease. This defect leaves infected people vulnerable to serious illnesses that would not usually be a threat to anyone whose immune system was intact. This test is not to diagnose AIDS but to detect antibodies to the virus. Also, it may be necessary to report results to the health authorities in this country. A positive test result will mean that you may not be eligible to receive a visa. A positive test result could also have other local consequences on your day-to-day activities in this country.

The blood test and X-ray are generally not required of persons under the age of 15, but they are required, under existing United States immigration law, of all other persons.

Pregnant women need not undergo the X-ray if they do not wish to do so. Arrangements can be made to have an X-Ray taken at a later date once the baby is born.

A chaperone will be offered to a female where the doctor is male, or for children.

Vaccinations: On the day of the medical examination, the physician will be required to verify that you have met the vaccination requirement, or that it is medically inappropriate for you to receive one or more of the following vaccinations: Hepatitis A; Hepatitis B; Human papillomavirus; Influenza, Influenza Type B (HIB); Meningococcal, Mumps; Measles; Pertussis; Pneumococcal; Polio, Rubella Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids; Varicella **NOTE:** The Varicella vaccination is not available in the United Kingdom.

In order to assist the health centre, and to avoid delays in the processing of an immigrant visa, you should have your vaccination records available for review at the time of the medical examination. You should consult with your regular health care provider to obtain a copy of your immunization record, if one is available. If you do not have a vaccination record, the panel physician will work with you to determine which vaccinations you may need to meet the requirement and can provide any that you are lacking on the day of your appointment. Please refer to the last page of this package for a chart showing the required vaccinations and age restrictions and a breakdown of costs for each one. If the vaccination record is not in English, please have the document translated and signed by a doctor.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Only after your medical examination has been completed successfully and the consular officer has interviewed you can a decision be reached as to your eligibility under the law to receive a visa. You should **NOT** make any travel arrangements for departure from this country, nor take other irrevocable actions until the visa has been issued to you.

Location of and Directions to Knightsbridge Doctors

Bentinck Mansions



Knightsbridge Doctors

How to find us

Knightsbridge Doctors is located at 4 Bentinck Mansions, 12-16 Bentinck Street London W1U 2ER just off Marylebone Lane in the heart of London's medical world.

Arriving by Taxi

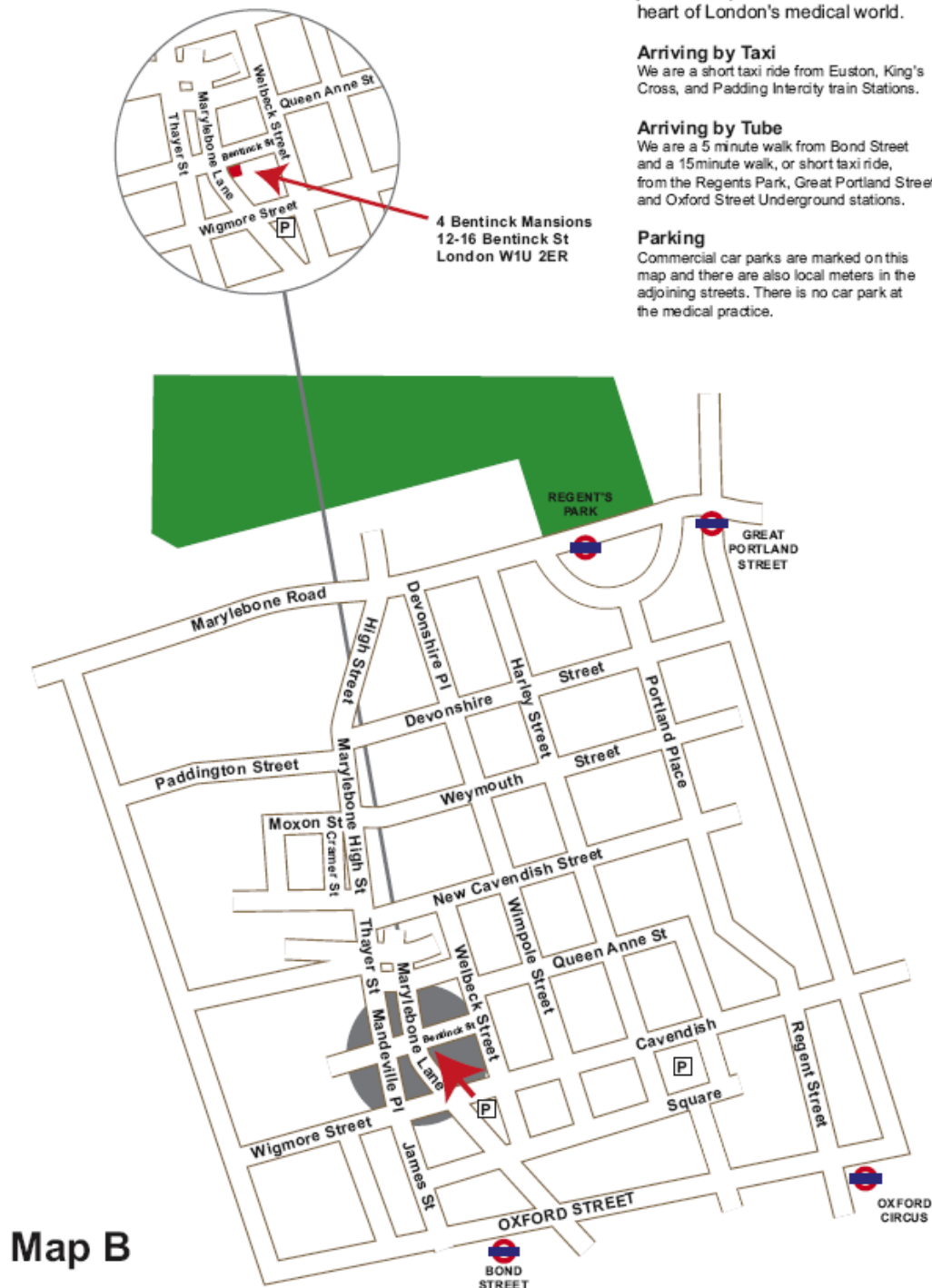
We are a short taxi ride from Euston, King's Cross, and Paddington InterCity train Stations.

Arriving by Tube

We are a 5 minute walk from Bond Street and a 15minute walk, or short taxi ride, from the Regents Park, Great Portland Street and Oxford Street Underground stations.

Parking

Commercial car parks are marked on this map and there are also local meters in the adjoining streets. There is no car park at the medical practice.



Map B

Basil Street

The practice is situated in Knightsbridge, just yards from Harrods and Harvey Nichols, and a 2-minute walk from Knightsbridge Underground. The practice is based on the ground floor of a mansion block at 15 Basil Mansions, Basil Street, London SW3 1AP



How to get to the Practice

By car

The nearest public car park is the Pavilion Road NCP (entrance via Stackhouse Street), just behind the practice. Both metered parking and Kensington and Chelsea residents' parking are available in surrounding streets. There are 2 disabled parking bays in Basil Street.

By Underground

Knightsbridge Underground station is on the Piccadilly line. For the simplest route to the practice, take the 'Harrods' exit. If you are travelling westbound, this exit will be found at the far left of the platform. If you are travelling eastbound, this exit will be on the far right of the platform.

As you exit the Underground with Harrods on your right, take the first left turn into Basil Street. 15 Basil Mansions is within a mansion block on the right, just after and opposite the Capital Hotel.

By Bus

Brompton Road	14, 74, 414, C1
Sloane Street	19, 22, 137, C1
Knightsbridge	9, 10, 14, 19, 22, 52, 74, 137, 414

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I go to a different medical facility or to my own doctor? Unfortunately no. Only Knightsbridge Doctors' medical practitioners have been authorized to conduct medical examinations on behalf of the U.S. Government.

I have recently undergone a medical examination on behalf of my employer/insurance company. Can I use the results of this examination at the time of my immigrant visa interview? I regret not. Only a medical examination conducted for an immigrant visa application is acceptable.

Do I require vaccinations? If you are applying for an immigrant visa you will be required to have certain vaccinations as described on the next pages.

While it is not necessary for fiancé (e) visa, K3, K4 or V visa applicants to have these vaccinations in order to obtain their visa, they will be required to meet the vaccination requirement in the United States at the time they apply for an adjustment of their status with the US Citizenship and Immigration Services from nonimmigrant to conditional or permanent resident.

Am I required to have the Varicella vaccination? The Varicella vaccination is not available in the United Kingdom.

I do not wish to have/ I do not wish for my child to have some of the vaccinations. What should I do? If you do not comply with the vaccination requirements, your immigrant visa application will be refused. While waivers of the vaccination requirement are sometimes available on moral and religious grounds, you should be aware that such an application carries an application fee of \$265.00 and can take several months to process, thus delaying the issuance of the visa. You will be required to discuss this with the consular officer on the day of your visa interview at the Embassy.

What happens after the medical examination? In most cases, the medical results will be sent to the Embassy four working days after your appointment, in plenty of time for your visa interview.

What if I cannot secure a medical appointment before the visa interview takes place? Don't worry. You should still keep the visa appointment and, once the medical has been completed, the results will be delivered directly to the Embassy. When they have been received, the Embassy will contact you concerning the next steps that you are required to take.

When do I contact the Embassy and when do I contact Knightsbridge Doctors? Detailed information concerning visa application procedures, the visa interview, the medical examination and what to expect once you enter the United States on the visa is available from the Embassy's website at <http://London.usembassy.gov> . Case specific inquiries may be directed to the Embassy by email at londonconsular@state.gov. Questions concerning the scheduling of the medical examination should be directed to Knightsbridge Doctors. **Please note that Knightsbridge Doctors cannot answer any questions concerning the visa application process.**

KNIGHTSBRIDGE DOCTORS PRICING INFORMATION

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Item	Description	Unit Price £
1	Basic Medical Examination – Adult (15 years of age and older)	190.00
2	Basic Medical Examination – Child (under 15 years of age)	95.00
3	Bacteriological examination of sputum	105.00
	Supplemental Charges for vaccination against:	
4	Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis	25.00
5	Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids	30.00
6	Measles, Mumps and Rubella	35.00
7	Polio (inactivated)	30.00
8	Hepatitis B	35.00
9	Haemophilus Influenzae Type B	30.00
10	Varicella	60.00
11	Pneumococcal - Adult	35.00
12	Pneumococcal - Child	45.00
13	Influenza	20.00
14	DNA Specimen Collection	85.00
15	Drug & Alcohol Specimen Collection	40.00 (per specimen)
16	Rotavirus	65.00
17	Hepatitis A	35.00
18	Meningococcal MCV	20.00
19	Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)	120.00
20	Zoster	Not available

In the event that the UK Government determines that VAT is chargeable for any of the above services, the additional costs shall be borne by the applicant.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ROUTINE VACCINATION OF IMMIGRANTS WHO ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED OR HAVE NO DOCUMENTATION.

(All vaccines may be given at the same time, but at different sites on the body)

Vaccine	Age						
	Birth - 1 month	2 - 11 months	12 months to 4 years	5 - 6 years	7 - 17 years	18 - 64 years	≥ 65 years
DTP/DTaP/DT	No	Yes			No		
Td/Tdap	No				Yes, ≥ 7 years old (for Td); 10-64 years old (for Tdap)		
Polio: IPV or OPV	No	Yes				No	
MMR	No		Yes if born in 1957 or later				No
Varicella (Chickenpox) Not available in the UK	No		Yes				
Pneumococcal	No	Yes, through 59 months of age (for PCV)			No		Yes (for PPV)
Vaccine	Age						
	Birth - 11 months	12 - 23 months	24 months to ≥ 65 years				
Hepatitis A	No	Yes	No				
Vaccine	Age						
	Birth - 18 years			≥ 18 years			
Hepatitis B	Yes, through 18 years of age			No			
Vaccine	Age						
	Birth - 1 month	2 - 59 months	≥ 60 months				
Hib	No	Yes	No				
Vaccine	Age						
	Birth - 5 months	6- 59 months	60 months to 49 years	≥ 50 years			
Influenza	No	Yes	No	Yes Annually each flu season			
Vaccine	Age						

	Birth - 10 years	11 - 18 years	19 years to \geq 65 years										
Meningococcal (MCV/MPSV)	No	Yes	No										
Vaccine	Age												
	Birth - 10 years	11 - 26 years	27 years to \geq 65 years										
Human papillonomavirus	No	Yes for females	No										
Vaccine	Age												
	Birth - 1 month	2 - 6 months	12 months to 4 years	5 - 6 years	7 - 17 years	18 - 64 years	\geq 65 years						
Rotavirus	No	Yes	No										
Vaccine	Age												
	Birth - 60 years						\geq 60 years						
Zoster Not available in the UK	No						Yes						

DTP=diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussus vaccine;

DTAP=diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis vaccine;

DT=pediatric formulation diphtheria and tetanus toxoids;

Td=adult formulation tetanus and diphtheria toxoids;

IPV=inactivated polio vaccine (killed);

OPV=oral polio vaccine (live);

MMR=combined measles, mumps, rubella vaccine;

Hib=Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine;

PCV=pneumococcal conjugate vaccine;

PPV=pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine.

USA MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

(MUST be completed and signed by applicant prior to medical appointment)

CASE NUMBER:		VISA APPOINTMENT DATE:	
NAME:	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
DATE OF BIRTH:		AGE:	GENDER: male <input type="checkbox"/> female <input type="checkbox"/>
BIRTHPLACE: (City/Country)			
PRESENT COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE:			
PRIOR COUNTRY:			
NATIONALITY:		OCCUPATION:	
CURRENT ADDRESS:			
TEL:			
HEIGHT (in centimetres):		WEIGHT (in kilos):	
		YES	NO
1	Have you ever been hospitalized (including psychiatric admission)?		
2	Have you ever had a disease of your heart or circulation?		
3	Have you ever had a disease of your lungs?		
4	Have you ever used tobacco?		
5	Have you ever had tuberculosis?		
6	Have you ever had a stroke, seizures or other neurological disorder?		
7	Do you have a major impairment in learning, intelligence, self-care, memory or communication?		
8	Have you ever had any mental disorder or depression?		
9	Have you ever misused or abused drugs?		
10	Have you ever had an addiction to or abused alcohol?		
11	Have you ever caused deliberate injury to yourself or others?		
12	Have you ever caused deliberate damage to property or had trouble with the law because of a mental condition, mental disorder or while under the influence of alcohol or drugs?		
13	Have you ever had any sexually transmitted disease?		
14	Have you ever had yaws, leprosy or malaria?		
15	Have you ever had diabetes mellitus or other endocrine disorder?		
16	Have you ever had a malignancy (cancer)?		
17	Have you ever had any kidney or liver disease?		
18	Do you have any visible disability (including loss of arms, legs or eyes)?		
19	Is any medical treatment (including surgery) pending or anticipated?		
20	Do you take any medication? (Please list all medications on a separate sheet)		
21	Are you pregnant?		
		If the answer is yes, please provide evidence of pregnancy/copy of pregnancy test result.	
		Date of last period: Expected delivery date:	
DATE: +		SIGNATURE:	

If you have answered YES to any of the above, please use a separate sheet to give further details.